

Excerpts from "Official Announcements Concerning Foreign Relations, Board of Information, Seventeenth Year of Showa (1942)" (Page 22)

"XXI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BOARD OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GRANT OF LOAN TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA -
July 28, 1942

With a view to contributing toward the sound development of the note issuing system of the Central Reserve Bank of China, the Japanese Government have, in response to the desire of the National Government of China, decided to grant a loan of ¥100,000,000 and the contract with respect to the said loan has been signed today between the Bank of Japan and the Central Reserve Bank of China."

Excerpts from "Official Announcements Concerning Foreign Relations, Board of Information, " Seventeenth Year of Showa (1942) (Pages 34, 35, 36, and 37)

XXVI. MINISTRY OF GREATER EAST ASIATIC AFFAIRS AN OUTLINE OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE, ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS

Announcement by the Board of Information

September 1, 1942

I. Basic Policy

For the purpose of bringing the War of Greater East Asia to a successful end and to ensure the construction of Greater East Asia, a Ministry shall be created to take charge of administrative affairs pertaining to the various foreign countries and other areas within Greater East Asia and organs in the aforesaid countries and areas shall be perfected to conform with the policy and functions of the said Ministry.

II. General Principles

A. Central Organization

1. The Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs shall be established to serve as the unifying organ with respect to the conduct of administrative affairs relative to the sphere of Greater East Asia excepting Japan Proper, Chosen, Taiwan and Karafuto. However, all matters of a purely diplomatic nature shall be under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. The Ministry of East Asiatic Affairs shall be in charge of the following:
 - a. Matters pertaining to the execution of affairs in the political, economic and cultural fields in Greater East Asia, excepting matters of a purely diplomatic nature;
 - b. Matters pertaining to Japanese subjects residing in foreign countries in Greater East Asia and matters pertaining to the protection of Japanese trade and commerce in the said sphere;
 - c. Matters pertaining to settlers and the development of natural resources in Greater East Asia;

- d. Matters relative to the supervision of businesses of the companies established under special laws for the purpose of carrying on enterprises in Greater East Asia;
- e. All matters pertaining to cultural activities in foreign countries and other areas in the said sphere;
- f. All matters relative to the training of men required for service in the territories in Greater East Asia;
- g. All matters pertaining to the Kwantung Bureau; and
- h. All matters pertaining to the South Seas Board

Furthermore, in order to cooperate fully with the military command, the Ministry of East Asiatic Affairs shall undertake all administrative work in the occupied areas in Greater East Asia.

- 3. The work of the Manchurian Affairs Board, the China Affairs Board, the East Asiatic Affairs and South Seas Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Northern Development and Southern Development Bureau of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs, and the South Seas Board will largely be incorporated into the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs.
- 4. Military and naval officers and persons from the people at large shall be made appointable as official of the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs.
- 5. A liaison committee shall be created in the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs to coordinate work with the other Ministries concerned. (Note: The Manchurian Affairs Board, the China Affairs Board, the East Asiatic Affairs and South Seas Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Overseas Affairs shall be abolished following the creation of the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs.)

- B. Organization in the foreign countries and areas in the region of Greater East Asia.

1. All Embassies and legations and other organs in the countries in Greater East Asia shall be incorporated into the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs and shall be made subject to the jurisdiction of the said Ministry. All matters pertaining to the status of officials in the overseas government agencies above referred to shall be placed under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs. The said officials shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs in connection with their duties. However, on matters of a purely diplomatic nature these officials shall receive the direction and supervision of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
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- III. With the establishment of the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs, the following steps shall be taken in connection with the administration of overseas possessions:
- A. The administration of Chosen and Taiwan shall, to the extent necessary, be handled with the view to according the same treatment as Japan Proper. The question as to how this shall be done shall be separately studied and considered. However, the general administration of Chosen and Taiwan shall be conducted as heretofore.
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Excerpts from "Official Announcements Concerning Foreign Relation Board of Information." Seventeenth Year of Showa (1942)
(Pages 52 and 53)

"XXXII. STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF GREATER EAST ASIATIC AFFAIRS - November 1, 1942

I am profoundly moved by my unexpected assignment to the heavy responsibilities of the Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs with the establishment of the Ministry today.

The main purpose of the establishment of the Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs is as previously announced by the Government. The present War of Greater East Asia means construction itself and the construction of Greater East Asia is one and inseparable with the prosecution of the war. This war of construction is aimed at establishing a new order based upon morality and righteousness, by realizing on the basis of the fundamental principle which guided the founding of our Empire, the great principle of Hakko Ichiu, throughout Greater East Asia so as to enable all countries and peoples in the Greater East Asia sphere to have each its proper place with Japan serving as the pivot. However, in order to realize this ideal it is absolutely imperative to perfect a system and structure necessary for winning out the current war, and therefore the speedy strengthening and replenishment of our nation's power to prosecute the war must be said to be of the utmost urgency of the moment. For this reason the Government must, in carrying out the plan of constructing Greater East Asia and other governmental affairs, cooperate increasingly closely with the High Command and at the same time assure a very speedy and precise management of affairs under a unified and comprehensive structure.

The Ministry of Greater East Asiatic Affairs has been established to meet this urgent requirement and I keenly feel the great mission and heavy responsibility of the Ministry. I am determined to do all in my power in serving the State in order to discharge my duties.

Under the August Virtue of His Imperial Majesty brilliant victories have been won by the superb stratagem and the courageous efforts of the officers and men of the Imperial forces in the current War of Greater East Asia and our invincible position has already been established on a secure basis. However, the task of successfully prosecuting this war and of constructing the Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere is a colossal undertaking which has no precedent in history. For this purpose it is necessary for us externally to tighten our bonds with our allied and friendly Powers and internally further to solidify the unity of the one hundred millions of our people,

giving full play to our total power in our respective occupations with a persevering and indomitable spirit. From this standpoint, I intend to render still closer and stronger, in conformity with the stipulations of treaties, our nation's cooperation with these countries in the sphere of co-prosperity such as Manchoukuo, the Republic of China, Thailand and French Indo-China, which have special relations with Japan. At the same time, it is my fervent hope that these countries also, understanding the real meaning of the present war, will extend further their cooperation for the realization of the ideal of establishing the new order of Greater East Asia."

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